

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Wastewater Improvements - Primary Road Fund

Purpose and History

The Department of Transportation (DOT) manages 218 field facilities statewide, including 109 maintenance garages. Operations at these facilities create hazardous waste that must be handled in compliance with the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. In 2010, the DOT requested a seven-year appropriation in order to comply with NPDES wastewater permit requirements in relation to the level of total dissolved solids in the water. The DOT identified 20 facilities with wastewater sewer hookups to municipal sanitary sewer systems or reclamation systems. Facilities targeted for improvement include: Carlisle; Davenport; Denison; Dyersville; Malcom; Newhall; Dubuque; Maquoketa; West Burlington; Carroll; Independence; Knoxville; Correctionville; Elkader; Hanlontown; Latimer; Tipton; Chariton; Osage; and Oskaloosa.

The DOT has received funds for similar projects in the past. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the General Assembly made appropriations totaling \$3.4 million over several years to the DOT for wastewater facility improvements. Funds were used to research and construct treatment facilities and hook drains to local sanitary sewers. Past appropriations funded a separate project, but were also geared to NPDES compliance.

Funding History

In 2010, the DOT estimated the initial total cost of this project to be \$6.8 million dollars. The DOT has received an appropriation of \$1.0 million per year from the Primary Road Fund for this project, beginning in FY 2011. This is total funding of \$5.0 million for the period FY 2011 through FY 2015.

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More Information

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